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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No.: 02R-11-R4

Mr. Joseph Austin
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of Civil Rights
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Room W78-340
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Austin:

On February 17, 2011, Mr. [REDACTED], Jr. filed an administrative complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). DOJ referred the complaint to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) on April 6, 2011. The complainant, [REDACTED], alleges that Escambia County Board of Commissioners discriminated against him, based on race, by denying him road paving and drainage correction services around his properties in Escambia County. As a result, [REDACTED] asserts that he experienced excessive flooding around his properties, causing him to rebuild twice; thus, creating a financial hardship for him and his family. Since the allegation in this complaint relates to a subject matter within the U.S. Department of Transportation's expertise, OCR is referring this complaint to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for review and action. We have copied Mr. [REDACTED] on this letter to acknowledge that his complaint has been forwarded to DOT.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Karen Randolph of the External Compliance and Complaints Program by telephone at (202) 564-0732, via e-mail at randolph.karen@epa.gov, or via mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rafael DeLeon".

Rafael DeLeon
Director

Enclosures

cc:



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